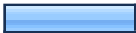# IRC Survey

1. Identify in your mind a classroom you have taught in within the past year that you would consider to be your LEAST FAVORITE. What were the challenges or unmet needs of teaching there?

	Response Count
	97
answered question	**97**
skipped question	**7**

2. Identify in your mind a classroom you have taught in within the past year that you would consider to be YOUR MOST PREFERRED. What were the elements that made teaching there an enjoyable, effective experience?

	Response Count
	92
answered question	**92**
skipped question	**12**

3. What should be the primary concern for the IRC when considering resource allocation for learning spaces?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Technology (media, lighting)		19.2%	19
Physical condition (carpet, furniture)		12.1%	12
Both should be considered equally important		**68.7%**	**68**
		answered question	99
		skipped question	5

4. Please select the 3 categories that you consider to be the highest priority for improvements in your classroom(s):

		Response Percent	Response Count
Audio/Speech Amplification		2.1%	2
Location and utility of white boards		38.1%	37
Carpet, walls & ceilings		19.6%	19
Computer access for teacher		23.7%	23
Furniture condition and utility		**57.7%**	**56**
HVAC noise and controls		13.4%	13
Internet(wireless/broadband)		24.7%	24
Media equipment (DVD/VHS player, TV, etc)		26.8%	26
Lighting (zone and dimming controls)		19.6%	19
Projectors		19.6%	19
Smart podiums		23.7%	23
Smart boards		9.3%	9
Windows and window treatments		11.3%	11
	Other (please specify)		23
	answered question		**97**
	skipped question		**7**

5. In which building do you teach most frequently?

		Response Percent	Response Count
East Campus		1.9%	2
Harstad		2.9%	3
Hauge (Admin)		**28.8%**	**30**
Ingram		8.7%	9
MBR		6.7%	7
Morken		17.3%	18
Olson		1.9%	2
Ramstad		7.7%	8
Rieke		13.5%	14
Xavier		5.8%	6
Other (please specify)		4.8%	5
		answered question	**104**
		skipped question	**0**

6. Considering *[Q5]* classrooms only, rate each of these factors of PHYSICAL CONDITION

	1 Poor	2 Fair	3 Reasonable	4 Very Good	5 Excellent	Response Count
Carpet	22.9% (22)	20.8% (20)	**32.3% (31)**	12.5% (12)	11.5% (11)	96
Ceilings	14.4% (14)	21.6% (21)	**32.0% (31)**	20.6% (20)	13.4% (13)	97
Lighting	15.8% (16)	22.8% (23)	**36.6% (37)**	15.8% (16)	8.9% (9)	101
Walls	10.2% (10)	18.4% (18)	**36.7% (36)**	18.4% (18)	16.3% (16)	98
Windows	**28.1% (27)**	15.6% (15)	20.8% (20)	19.8% (19)	15.6% (15)	96
Students' ability to clearly see whiteboard and screens	16.2% (16)	16.2% (16)	**31.3% (31)**	28.3% (28)	8.1% (8)	99
Spacing between students	**29.0% (29)**	24.0% (24)	28.0% (28)	9.0% (9)	10.0% (10)	100
Furniture	**28.7% (29)**	24.8% (25)	20.8% (21)	17.8% (18)	8.9% (9)	101

Other (please specify)	23

answered question	**101**
skipped question	**3**

7. Considering *[Q5]* classrooms only, rank the following areas with respect to the priority of importance for your teaching with regards to the PHYSICAL CONDITION of your classrooms

	Highest Priority 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Lowest Priority 8	Response Count
Carpet	1.3% (1)	5.1% (4)	8.9% (7)	7.6% (6)	13.9% (11)	19.0% (15)	**22.8% (18)**	21.5% (17)	79
Ceilings	0.0% (0)	1.3% (1)	1.3% (1)	2.6% (2)	1.3% (1)	16.7% (13)	30.8% (24)	**46.2% (36)**	78
Lighting	6.0% (5)	16.7% (14)	26.2% (22)	**27.4% (23)**	14.3% (12)	6.0% (5)	2.4% (2)	1.2% (1)	84
Walls	0.0% (0)	3.6% (3)	3.6% (3)	6.0% (5)	13.1% (11)	**35.7% (30)**	23.8% (20)	14.3% (12)	84
Windows	7.1% (6)	10.7% (9)	9.5% (8)	11.9% (10)	**41.7% (35)**	4.8% (4)	7.1% (6)	7.1% (6)	84
Students' ability to clearly see whiteboard and screens	**48.3% (43)**	16.9% (15)	13.5% (12)	9.0% (8)	1.1% (1)	4.5% (4)	2.2% (2)	4.5% (4)	89
Spacing between students	11.9% (10)	**28.6% (24)**	25.0% (21)	17.9% (15)	4.8% (4)	4.8% (4)	6.0% (5)	1.2% (1)	84
Furniture	**28.9% (24)**	25.3% (21)	16.9% (14)	16.9% (14)	6.0% (5)	6.0% (5)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	83

Other (please specify)	17

answered question	**96**
skipped question	**8**
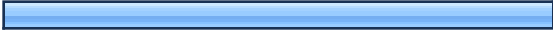
8. Considering *[Q5]* classrooms only, rate each of these factors of INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

	1 Poor	2 Fair	3 Reasonable	4 Very Good	5 Excellent	Response Count
Audio/speech amplification	18.7% (17)	9.9% (9)	**36.3% (33)**	26.4% (24)	8.8% (8)	91
Computer access for teacher	13.1% (13)	13.1% (13)	**32.3% (32)**	25.3% (25)	16.2% (16)	99
Internet (wireless, broadband)	13.4% (13)	17.5% (17)	**29.9% (29)**	25.8% (25)	15.5% (15)	97
Media (DVD / VHS / Cable TV)	9.8% (9)	15.2% (14)	23.9% (22)	**39.1% (36)**	12.0% (11)	92
Projectors	9.4% (9)	9.4% (9)	31.3% (30)	**33.3% (32)**	16.7% (16)	96
Smart podiums	**56.8% (42)**	12.2% (9)	8.1% (6)	13.5% (10)	9.5% (7)	74
Smart boards	**85.5% (59)**	5.8% (4)	5.8% (4)	2.9% (2)	1.4% (1)	69
					Other (please specify)	13
					answered question	**99**
					skipped question	**5**

9. Considering *[Q5]* classrooms only, rank the following areas with respect to the priority of importance for your teaching with regards to the INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY in your classrooms

	Highest Priority 1	2	3	4	5	6	Lowest Priority 7	Response Count
Audio/speech amplification	1.2% (1)	1.2% (1)	2.4% (2)	12.2% (10)	11.0% (9)	20.7% (17)	**51.2% (42)**	82
Computer access for teacher	**35.2% (32)**	13.2% (12)	18.7% (17)	14.3% (13)	8.8% (8)	8.8% (8)	1.1% (1)	91
Internet (wireless, broadband)	19.5% (17)	**25.3% (22)**	16.1% (14)	16.1% (14)	11.5% (10)	9.2% (8)	2.3% (2)	87
Media (DVD/VHS player,cable TV)	12.6% (11)	19.5% (17)	**24.1% (21)**	19.5% (17)	8.0% (7)	11.5% (10)	4.6% (4)	87
Projectors	14.4% (13)	**34.4% (31)**	30.0% (27)	12.2% (11)	6.7% (6)	1.1% (1)	1.1% (1)	90
Smart podiums	12.5% (10)	6.3% (5)	3.8% (3)	17.5% (14)	**30.0% (24)**	13.8% (11)	16.3% (13)	80
Smart boards	7.8% (6)	3.9% (3)	5.2% (4)	10.4% (8)	22.1% (17)	**31.2% (24)**	19.5% (15)	77

Other (please specify)	8

answered question	**96**
skipped question	**8**
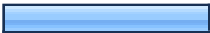
10. Which of the following issues have you heard students complaining about in regards to classroom spaces?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Crowding in the classroom (too many desks, not enough space between desks)		56.6%	56
The temperature of the classroom (its too hot or too cold)		**82.8%**	**82**
There is damage to the walls or carpet in the classrooms		20.2%	20
It is difficult to see the whiteboard or screen from some seats in the classroom		35.4%	35
It is difficult to hear the professor because of noise		20.2%	20
The media equipment does not work consistently		51.5%	51
The desks or chairs are uncomfortable		65.7%	65
There is not enough workspace for notebooks, computers, etc.		49.5%	49
Other (please specify)		16.2%	16
	answered question		**99**
	skipped question		**5**
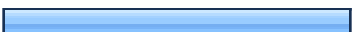
11. Choose up to 3 phrases below that best completes this sentence: "At least one of my classrooms _____."

		Response Percent	Response Count
leaks/floods		10.4%	10
has electrical problems		13.5%	13
has graffiti on desks or walls		10.4%	10
has holes in the walls		2.1%	2
has peeling paint		6.3%	6
has stained/torn carpet		43.8%	42
is too cold/hot		**79.2%**	**76**
smells unpleasant		14.6%	14
is consistently noisy		27.1%	26
has a pillar or other sight line obstruction		13.5%	13
Other (please specify)		15.6%	15
	answered question		**96**
	skipped question		**8**

12. Which of the following would need to be done to make the classroom(s) you teach in an ideal learning space suitable to your pedagogy now and in the future:

		Response Percent	Response Count
None - No modifications		6.1%	6
Some Improvements - Minor modifications to existing space (new whiteboard, paint)		30.6%	30
Remodeling - Major modifications involving physical condition or technology (new furniture, revamped lighting)		**46.9%**	**46**
Renovation - A complete overhaul of the learning space involving both physical condition and technology upgrades		16.3%	16
		answered question	98
		skipped question	6

13. Which type of student work space is best for the lecture/discussion course sections that you teach?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Individual tablet-arm desks		10.2%	10
Individual tables with unattached chairs		23.5%	23
Shared tables that seat 2-3 students		**52.0%**	**51**
A large conference table for all students to sit around		6.1%	6
Other (please specify)		8.2%	8
		answered question	98
		skipped question	6

14. Considering *[Q5]*, do you feel there is a clear advocate for the condition of the teaching spaces?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes, the department chair(s) and/or dean		29.8%	28
Yes, Instructional Resources Committee		10.6%	10
Yes, The Vice President of Finance and Operations		2.1%	2
Yes, The Provost		1.1%	1
No		**56.4%**	**53**
		answered question	94
		skipped question	10

15. In general, who SHOULD be the lead advocate for the teaching spaces?

		Response Percent	Response Count
The department chair(s) and/or deans.		30.1%	28
The Instructional Resources Committee		**32.3%**	**30**
The Vice President for Finance and Operations		6.5%	6
The Provost		16.1%	15
Other (please specify)		15.1%	14
	answered question		93
	skipped question		11

16. Have you had difficulty getting classroom equipment installed or maintained properly? Please describe the problem and the process.

	Response Count
	45
answered question	45
skipped question	59

17. What technologies you have heard of -- already existing or in development -- that you do not have access to but you think could help you be a more effective teacher?

	Response Count
	58
answered question	58
skipped question	46
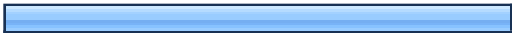
18. Are there sufficient rooms equipped with computers for lab instruction?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		40.0%	30
No		**60.0%**	**45**
	Please Explain		41

answered question	**75**
skipped question	**29**

19. Do we need computer labs with larger numbers of work stations?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		49.3%	36
No		**50.7%**	**37**
	Please Explain		38

answered question	**73**
skipped question	**31**

20. Are the computer labs equipped with the software needed for your instructional strategies?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		**76.1%**	**54**
No		23.9%	17
	Please Explain		27

	answered question	**71**
	skipped question	**33**

21. Upgrades to _____ have the greatest potential to improve the general quality of education at PLU.

		Response Percent	Response Count
East Campus		0.0%	0
Harstad		1.3%	1
Hauge (Admin)		**51.3%**	**40**
Ingram		12.8%	10
MBR		6.4%	5
Morken		1.3%	1
Olson		5.1%	4
Ramstad		6.4%	5
Rieke		12.8%	10
Xavier		2.6%	2
	Why? (please explain)		67

	answered question	78
	skipped question	26

22. Upgrades to _____ have the greatest potential to increase the stream of revenue at PLU.

		Response Percent	Response Count
East Campus		8.9%	5
Harstad		1.8%	1
Hauge (Admin)		**46.4%**	**26**
Ingram		10.7%	6
MBR		5.4%	3
Morken		3.6%	2
Olson		1.8%	1
Ramstad		3.6%	2
Rieke		16.1%	9
Xavier		1.8%	1
	Why? (please explain)		52
	answered question		56
	skipped question		48

23. Please use the space below to tell the IRC about any concerns or issues that you have with respect to classroom conditions or instructional technology.

	Response Count
	38
answered question	38
skipped question	66